

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2004. The application includes claims 1–27 and 29. Claims 21–28 are canceled.

Claims 1–3 and 6–16 are allowed. Claims 4 and 5 were indicated allowable, subject to amendment to overcome a rejection under 35 USC § 112.

Claims 17-20 were rejected.

Claim 29 is new.

An Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 are filed herewith along with a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,994,793, which is mentioned in the specification. If any fee is required for this filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, please charge that fee to Applicants' Attorney's Deposit Account No. 18-0988. Such patent already was mentioned in the specification and, therefore, it is believed that no fee should be required.

The drawings have been corrected by the adding of reference numeral 25 in Fig. 2. Reference number 25 is the UPS convertor and control unit, which are identified at specification page 6, lines 11 and 12.

The specification has been corrected by adding a period at page 11, line 24. Also in the specification page 11, line 28, the trademark VELCRO now is shown in upper case letters and the word "fastener" immediately follows the trademark.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The Examiner referred to a typographical error in claim 13, line 1. However, the typographical error referred to in the Office Action does not appear in claim 13 as originally filed or as filed in the amendment of January 30, 2004.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC § 112

Claim 4 has been amended to insert the word "plate". It is believed that this correction now overcomes the rejection of claims 4 and 5 under 35 USC § 112. If the Examiner feels that any other changes are needed to claims 4 and 5 for proper compliance with the requirements of 35 USC § 112, he is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned Attorney to indicate the same.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC § 102

Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 17–20 under 35 USC § 102(e) in view of Maroney et al. and under 35 USC §102(b) in view of Skonnord is respectfully requested. Claims 17–20 have been amended to clarify that the area defined by the battery storage drawer has a surface for placement of at least one battery thereon. Claim 17 also has been amended to point out that the air flow openings in the area are through the surface. One advantage of this arrangement allows air to flow up through the cabinet in the area where a battery may be placed with respect to the surface of the battery storage drawer.

Claims 18 and 20 have been amended for consistency with claim 17. New claim 29 points out that the air flow openings provide for air flow alongside a battery that may be positioned on the surface at the area of the battery storage drawer. Claim 29 does not claim the battery and, therefore, should be considered as one of the elected claims.

Neither Maroney et al. nor Skonnord discloses a battery storage drawer having a surface for placement of a battery thereon and having air flow openings in that surface. The air flow openings in those references are in the side walls of the respective cabinets shown therein. Therefore, neither reference anticipates the claimed subject matter of claims 17–20 or new claim 29.

Briefly referring to claims 18–20, neither reference uses air flow openings in a surface to define one or more battery positions.

Therefore, the rejection of claims 17–20 should be withdrawn and those claims and claim 29 should be indicated allowable.

For the reasons above, in addition to the allowance of claims 1–3 and 6–16, claims 4, 5, 17–20 and 29 should be allowable. Accordingly, this application is believed to be ready for allowance.

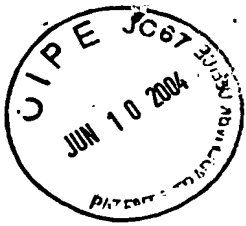
If the Examiner has any questions or if the Examiner feels that favorable prosecution can be expedited by telephone interviews, he is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned Attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,
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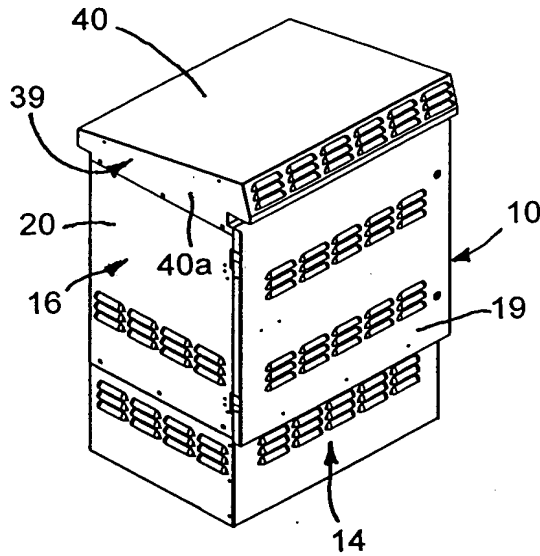


FIG. 1

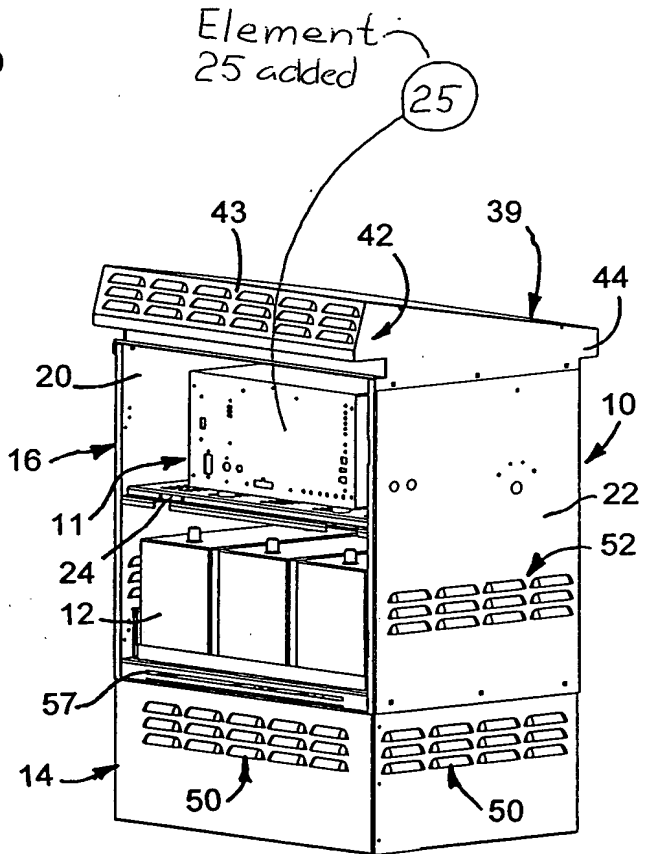


FIG. 2

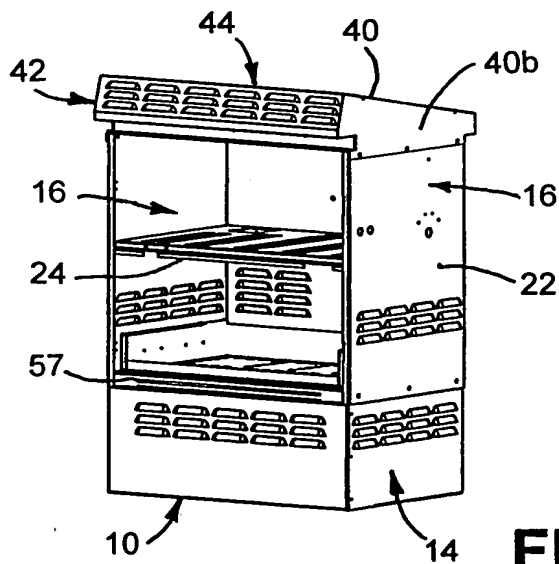


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